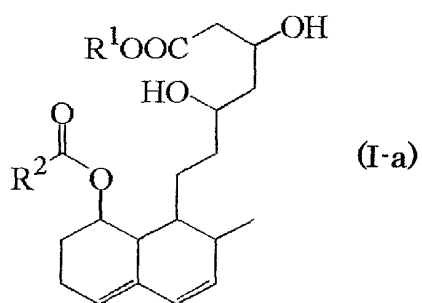


# ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a protein derived from a microorganism belonging to the genus *Bacillus*, which has an activity of hydroxylating a compound represented by the formula (I-a):



wherein R<sup>1</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, or an alkali metal, and R<sup>2</sup> represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl or a substituted or unsubstituted aryl,

or a ring-closed lactone form thereof;

a DNA encoding said protein; and a recombinant DNA comprising said DNA.